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Dear Parents/Carers

E-safety message

There has recently been a concerning video circulating between some of the schools in this area. It has been classed as a category A (most serious) indecent image of a child. Sharing this video is a **criminal offence**. Rumours have circulated as to who the child in the video is, but the Police have confirmed it is not any of the children whose names have been highlighted.

The Police, at this stage, are not looking to criminalise any children for sharing this video up to this point but have said if circulation continues, they will have to take action.

Please talk to your children and reinforce the importance of not possessing or distributing indecent images of children as it is a serious matter that could impact their futures. It could result in criminal action which would then show up on a Police record and have implications regarding job prospects and future travel. This includes even when images are of themselves or of someone they are in a relationship with.

Advice would be that if your child has any such images, they should delete them immediately. If any student has the current video that is circulating it is essential they remove it - if found in the future the Police are likely to take action.

We will, of course, continue to educate children about the dangers they can face online.

Yours faithfully

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